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### ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

After long deliberations, the state railroad commission has finally given its ruling on the East Monterey bus line—with the B.R.T. getting the decision and given 60 days to start an improved service.

The union, with many members living in this area, is interested greatly in the bus transportation and was glad to know of the decision.

It was announced that the B.R.T. would run buses every 40 minutes, from 6 a.m. to midnight, to the East Monterey district. The fare from East Monterey to Cannery Row, with the transfer privilege, is 15 cents, where it was 20 cents under the old bus line with the change to the B.R.T.

Saving of a nickel per ride, ten cents per day, for cannery workers on their transportation to work means much to the union and to officials and is another progressive step.

During the light of the moon, the end of next week, fishermen are expected to go after squid and at least one plant, Sea Pride, is waiting the catch to start its summer operations. Good luck, boys.

Joe Perry and Louis Martin, our delegates to the Seafarers International Union convention at New Orleans, should be busy as bees by now protecting the interests of the union here.

Fred Zohner, who was injured in a fall at the Hovden reduction plant, is home again after a spell in the hospital.

Peter Callahan, who seriously injured his leg in an accident at Oxnard plant, isn't improving very fast, we hear. Best wishes to him.

Sister Burns is ill and the union hopes for speedy recovery. She has been ill for some time.

Next meeting will be after Lou Martin returns from New Orleans, probably late in April—you'll hear all about the convention then.

Wish I were in New Orleans, too—

—THE CAN OPENER.

### THE PLUMBER TALKS

Plumbers Union 503 Salinas, Calif.

One of our plumber members, son of Russell Scott, was killed in action in the South Pacific recently. Word was received last Sunday of his death. The local extends sympathy to Brother Scott.

Phil Prader is going into the Navy—he was to enter the service last week-end.

Freddie Hull, expert jobber of A.D.H. Company, is recovering nicely from a recent appendectomy.

Shorty Goodson, from Salinas Commercial, is convalescing in the Park Lane Hospital, from an operation which was necessary after an injury on the job.

Local 503 needs more plumbers and needs them badly. Anyone having any union plumbers in their back pocket, please send them to us.

Business Agent Louis Jenkins is on the mend again and the union is glad to hear he's recovering from his long seige.

—THE TOOL CARRIER.

### Picket Line Will Be Used Against Solons Who Begin Filibuster

New York City

When the clique of southern senators begin their promised filibuster against the poll tax repeal bill (HR 7), a picket line will be thrown around the capitol area in Washington by organizations in the United Committee against the Poll Tax Filibuster, Chairman J. Holmes Smith said.

"We are out to recruit enough men and women, Negro and white, to keep up a continuous, disciplined and peaceful demonstration as long as the filibuster continues," Smith declared. "As long as they keep talking for American fascism we shall keep walking for American democracy. We are determined to make our protest as strong as the law permits."

### READ THIS; THEN SIGN NO PETITION

Following is a copy of the vicious un-American proposed initiative constitutional amendment, that would deprive labor of all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States:

**RIGHT OF EMPLOYMENT. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.** Adds section 1A to Article I. Declares right of employment, free from interference because employee does or does not belong to or pay money to a labor organization. Declares interference with such right unlawful and provides remedy by court action. Defines labor organizations. Declares section self executing, and authorizes legislation to facilitate its operation.

A new section 1-A is hereby added to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of California to read as follows:

Section 1-A: Every person has the right to work, and to seek, obtain and hold employment, without interference with, impair or abridgment of said right because he does or does not belong to or pay money to a labor organization.

Anything done or threatened to be done which interferes with, impairs or abridges, or which is intended to interfere with, impair or abridge said right, is unlawful. Relief against or on account of anything so done or threatened to be done shall be granted in a civil action, legal or equitable, initiated in the superior court of any county in which anything so done or threatened to be done shall occur, upon the complaint of any person or upon complaint of the district attorney of such county.

The term "Labor Organization" means any organization of any kind, or any agency or employee representation, committee or plan which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, rates of pay, hours of employment or conditions of work.

This section is self executing and shall supersede all provisions in conflict therewith; legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operation but no law shall limit or restrict the provisions hereof.

### Air Bases Win Appropriations, Work Continues

An appropriation of \$1,100,000 was made by the government recently for the Watsonville Naval Auxiliary air station, and the building program is continuing, union officials report.

The air fields for the Navy at Monterey and at Hollister were awarded appropriations of \$500,000 each, and a \$200,000 allotment recently for the training program is being utilized, it was stated.

New hangars, air strips, and other construction are the major construction projects.

At Watsonville, James T. Mann, business agent for building trades, reports all craftsmen busy and a need for additional carpenters.

At Salinas, Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Laborers 272, reports all men employed and lists several additional jobs in his area, including Mexican labor camps at Hollister, repair to the Meyers Ice Co. shed in Salinas which was damaged by fire, and other construction work of minor nature.

### Maintenance of Membership Is Won by Worker

Peoria, Illinois

United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers won maintenance of membership and checkoff for 14,000 Caterpillar Tractor Co. workers in Peoria under a Regional War Labor order. The union was commended for preventing work stoppages and for its democratic constitution.

### Dick Werner Defends Labor In Letter Here

Lieut. Col. Richard J. ("Dick") Werner, well known here for his activity at the Salinas evening school and for civic leadership, defends Labor in a letter he wrote here recently, a letter reprinted in part herewith.

The letter, to Randolph Fenchel, president of Laborers Union 272, tells of Werner's close calls as an officer with the American forces in Italy, and then continues:

"You needn't tell me anything about American labor. All I have to do is to look at the different world products that are around here and about the most dependable things in this country are those made by American Labor."

"I know that if it is American made it is dependable. Food, clothes, machines, guns, or ammunition. They haven't failed me yet."

### Labor Temple Remodeling Nearly Done

Remodeling of the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas, was virtually completed this week with final touches being put to the job.

With the work completed, office space for Laborers 272 and for Plumbers 503 is increased, a major hall to seat some 90 or 100 persons is ready, and a smaller executive board meeting room, seating about 20, is available.

The rear buildings are being fixed up also. The building occupied by Painters 1104, now moved to Teamsters Hall, has had siding put all around the outside to keep it warmer. The rear building will become a card room again, with new paint. The living quarters will be made usable for a janitor.

When completed the main hall will be a long room, lined with benches, walls of simulated knotty pine, soundproofed ceiling, good lighting fixtures, linoleum flooring, and a snappy paint job.

### Voters League Needs Workers; Unions Asked To Send Three

The Monterey County Voters League, which is working to elect Congressman George E. Outland and elect pro-labor candidates generally, is badly in need of workers.

Bob Clinch, chairman, reports that each union is entitled to three delegates to the committee but that few have sent any at all.

Organized Labor will find itself with a liberal President who is condemned constantly by a reactionary Congress which will seek to hamstring labor, if some action is not taken at once.

### In Union Circles

SALINAS

Donna Spicer, former office secretary for the Teamsters and the Laborers unions, became a bride last week when she married Jack Bickford, who at one time was a business agent for the painters here.

Only one union had a report this week—BARBERS 827 reported one initiation, donation of \$10 to the Red Cross, donation of \$5 for purchase of cigarettes for servicemen, and vote of \$1 per member for the Voters League.

Hiram W. Johnson, U. S. senator, wrote the labor council in regards to soldier vote legislation, saying little except for giving detailed numbers of the bills.

The labor council at Salinas voted to give old seats from their occupancy at the Labor Temple to the Youth Center Canteen for use by the teen-agers in their program.

### Plenty of Cabbage

There certainly won't be a shortage of cabbage this year. The winter's crop was 500,000 tons, largest ever raised in the U. S., and 100% more than the average crop for the last 10 years. Part will be dried and sent overseas, part will be made into sauerkraut and the rest may be sold unprocessed to civilians.

### V-Mail Female



Because she has written more V-mail letters to servicemen than any other Hollywood actress, Ann Savage of Screen Actors Guild (AFL) is the postal clerk's favorite gal. (Federated Pictures)

### UNION SCORES LABOR POLICY OF PORT HEAD

New York City

Intimidation of employees, suppression of union literature and refusal to meet with and recognize the union—violations of the Wagner act—were charged to the New York Port of Embarkation by Local 21, United Federal Workers.

Charges, which also include refusal to allow the union to participate in wage hearings for port employees, will be carried to the War Department by the national office of the union, Local Organizer Percy Zagorin said.

Responsibility for the vicious anti-labor policy in New York, the union said, belongs to the industrial relations officer, Lieut. Col. A. V. Cherbonnier who, before going into the army, was an attorney for some of the most outstanding anti-labor corporations in the country.

### KERN UNIONS FIGHT ELLIOTT

Bakersfield, California

The Kern County Labor Council last week officially got into the local congressional race by endorsing the candidacy of Victor Bowker, progressive young orange-grower from Porterville, against the incumbent, Alfred J. Elliott of Tulare—known as "I hate labor."

Elliott has a putrid voting record, so far as labor and liberals are concerned.

### Green Refuses To Share Meet With CIO Unit

Washington, D. C.

AFL President William Green, acting on the advice of the executive council, told President, Roosevelt the AFL refuses to share representation with the CIO at the April 20 meeting of the International Labor Organization in Philadelphia.

Green's statement came a week after his meeting with the President and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins when she was asked by Roosevelt if the AFL would agree to inclusion of a CIO representative in the American delegation to the ILO conference.

Pointing out that the basis of representation at ILO meetings provided for one labor delegate from the most representative labor organization, Green said:

**OPPOSES DIVIDED VOTE.** "To divide the one vote between two labor organizations, such as the AFL and the CIO, might mean conflict and disagreement. The one group might cast one-half a vote in favor of and the other group one-half a vote in opposition to some vital proposal submitted for determination. Such an outcome would cause disunity and discord."

Precedent for the half-vote method was set at an unofficial ILO meeting in Havana in 1939 when an AFL and CIO delegate both attended, sharing one vote.

Green declared the AFL "is still the most representative labor organization in the United States." He credited the late Samuel Gompers with inspiring the creation of the ILO and said "in the light of all this historic service rendered by the AFL" the AFL could not be expected to share representation in an ILO conference with some other labor organization.

### RETROACTIVE PAY DENIED BUTCHERS OF BAY REGION

San Francisco, Calif.

One week's retroactive pay benefits for each day they participated in the San Francisco butchers' work stoppage last December was denied the strikers in a Regional War Labor Board decision announced recently.

The denial on the basis of RWLB information, will apply to 114 members of Local 508, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America (AFL) who left their jobs in six packing houses for varying lengths of time between December 20th and January 8th.

The Regional War Labor Board's decision, embodied in an authorization issued upon a joint company-union petition for wage adjustments based on "effective prosecution of the war," grants a 6-cent hourly increase to non-striking members of the union in 23 plants, retroactive to May 1, 1942.

This was the sum agreed upon by the companies and the union.

### Seek Unity on Foreign Policy



Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D, Utah), right, and Sen. Warren R. Austin (R, Vt.), left, are heading a movement to develop national unity toward postwar international policies. (Federated Pictures)



### KERN COUNTY LABOR PAPER HITS GREEN UNITY STAND

Bakersfield, California

"If correctly quoted, Green certainly cannot be accused of fostering labor unity in time of war."

This is the comment of Ralph Ryan, editor of the Kern County Labor Journal (AFL), last week on the order of William Green, AFL president, to AFL unions to "cease and desist" from political co-operation with the CIO. Says Ryan:

"The whole thing appears to need further clarification. . . . President Green does not want AFL co-operation with the CIO in the matter of political action. To the mind of this columnist, our sincere and great leader has driven another wedge into the division of union groups. It is too bad."

"Of course, here in Kern County the finest kind of co-operation exists between the AFL and CIO unions."

### FORUM WILL BE HELD ON POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Washington, D. C.

A national postwar forum will be held by the American Federation of Labor in the Commodore hotel, New York on April 12-13, it was announced here March 19.

The AFL announcement said outstanding leaders of labor, industry, agriculture and the government will be invited.

AFL Pres. William Green said: "This forum will be the means of focusing attention on plans to realize the purposes for which we are fighting this war."

### Canneries Will Hire 700,000 in Summer Session

Washington, D. C.

Over 700,000 men and women will have to be recruited before the end of the summer for work in canneries and other processing plants where nearly 19 billion pounds of food will be handled, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said recently.

Local drives to recruit these workers are under way in the extreme southern sections of the country and will be extended northward as the crops mature, McNutt reported.

### Electricians Favor Co-operation With 'Pre-Fab' Structure

Chicago, Illinois

Union electricians are willing to work with syndicates manufacturing and putting up prefabricated housing, Research Director M. H. Hedges of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers told the national housing conference, meeting in Chicago.

Craft divisions in the building trades would form no insuperable barrier to assembling such housing, Hedges said, in citing building trades councils which "can function with as much unanimity as an industrial union, without loss of craft value."

The hourly scale for electrical workers employed on an annual wage basis, instead of the present job contract system, would be about 25% less than at present, Hedges estimated. Annual income would be greater because of steadier employment.

### Conscription of Labor Tightened By Jap Fascists

The Japanese have been compelled not only to extend the age limits for industrial conscription but also to tighten the already severe police control of labor. Under the name of "Patriotic Labor Associations," there has been set up a huge supervisory labor police force of 55,000 to engage in espionage and similar labor-hounding activity.

All Japanese males between 12 and 60 and unmarried females between 12 and 40 are now subject to labor conscription.

This compares with Nazi Germany—now also facing a desperate manpower crisis—where there is compulsory national labor service for men 16-65 and women 17-45.

## Foaming Against Axis



Henry Rabb, William O'Keefe and Chris Hansen pile up part of the 10 tons of paper—company records, old accounting sheets, outdated checkbooks—salvaged from Trommer Bremery files and turned over to the New York CVDO. Trommer's is under contract to United Brewery Workers (unaffiliated). (Federal Pictures)

## To Vote May 16—NEXT THURSDAY LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION!

Unions—you have less than a week to get your members registered in time to be able to vote in the combined presidential and state primary which the Legislature recently moved up to May 16!

Late reports indicate that the entire registration campaign in California is lagging badly, with totals still far below those of 1940. This is a danger signal, for it means that a large part (possibly 50%) of the union membership in this state is still not registered. During the next six days all unions should make registration a SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS. Getting the right kind of men in Congress and the State Legislature to protect Labor's gains is the most important task ahead of us this year. Labor is being attacked by powerful groups from all sides. We have had a taste of what a reactionary Congress can do. Unless a large part of the union vote gets to the polls this year, the next Congress will hang up a record for labor-smashing. And if we don't get our vote out at the primary, we can't get progressive candidates into the final election.

So redouble your registration efforts this week. Get your registrars at your meetings and headquarters. Appoint telephone committees to check your membership. When members come to pay their dues, check them at once on registration—and ask if their wives, husbands, sons, daughters, fathers and mothers are registered. Make the next six days a whirlwind drive!

### Catholic Union Slams Tribune For 'Smearing'

Chicago, Illinois

A case study in union-smearing from the columns of The Chicago Tribune is given by Work, organ of the Catholic Labor Alliance. The Catholic paper analyzed five lies in one Tribune story about the United Steelworkers local in the Carnegie-Illinois plant on Chicago's south side.

### Negro Workers Given Support on Housing

South Bend, Indiana

This city, seat of Studebaker Corp. and other war plants, put its OK on emergency housing for Negro workers when the Congress for Community Action, comprising 140 organizations, went on record for a 150-unit project. Pres. Roy L. Larson of the South Bend Industrial Union Council sponsored the project.

### STATE LABOR MOURNS LOSS OF GRUBER

San Francisco

Right in the midst of the deliberations of the Executive Council of the Federation recently came the terribly sad news of Pop Gruber's death. Known as "Pop" to his thousands of friends in the labor movement which he had served so loyally for over thirty years, Arthur M. Gruber, Secretary of the San Pedro Labor Council, died as a result of a stroke undoubtedly brought on by his strenuous work over the years.

A resolution mourning this irreplaceable loss to the labor movement was adopted by the Executive Council, and immediately upon its adoption, the members stood in silence for the appropriate time. Copies of the resolution were immediately dispatched to the San Pedro Labor Council and to members of the bereaved family.

## German Victory—Nazi Version

A sardonic account of Germany's military "success" was contained in a letter sent secretly by a German to friends in Holland and reprinted in a Dutch underground paper, according to the Netherlands News Agency.

"We are conquering backwards, and the Russians, panic-stricken, follow us," the letter said. "We Germans are enticing the Russians and their leader, Stalin, from Russia to Berlin. In this manner we are deceiving them because they will discover Berlin gone. Thus we are beating the Russian army."



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## The Labor Editor Speaks

## THE WAR — AND AFTER

Consensus of opinion of statesmen and professional political forecasters seems to be:

There is no such thing as the "unconditional surrender" of an entire nation. Nations must have terms and favorable arrangements. (Germany surrendered on Wilson's Fourteen Points. They were not observed.)

Russia will dictate terms in her western border territories. England will agree. The United States is inclined to be non-committal. Russia's terms will be moderate with conditions favorable to the working people.

England is doubtful of the stability of the United States, both politically and financially. *England fears that the United States will duplicate its experience after the First World War and throw all the world, except Russia, into a panic or "depression."*

Russia's growing power, free from debt and with full employment after the war, looks threatening to England, and many of her leaders want a strong Germany to emerge from this war. Germany may choose to surrender with its army practically intact. England may agree as a defense against Russia (forced by recurring American "isolationism" to take refuge again in the old continental "balance of power" tactic.)

England hopes that China and the United States will force the Japanese to give up all southeast Asia and the Indies to their former masters. So it is quite likely that the "balance of power" doctrine will enter into the peace planning.

The United States cannot make definite promises because of the uncertainties of the elections coming on. *Roosevelt cannot help much in solving world problems unless re-elected—and with a congress that will co-operate.* According to the Constitution, treaties become the supreme law of the land only with the "advice and consent of the Senate."

There is no prospect for permanent world peace unless the United States, Great Britain and Russia enter into a permanent mutual assistance pact, and also agree to pool their armaments to halt aggression. Unless the agreements at Moscow and Teheran are extended and reinforced by the American Congress and the British Parliament, collective security will again go a-begging and the seeds of World War No. 3 will already have been sown. This is not a pleasant picture, but it would be criminal to ignore facts when the lives and happiness of our children are at stake.

## HOW NOT TO WIN A WAR

Powerful daily newspapers, whose circulation runs into the millions, are constantly (1) knocking the Russians who are our allies, (2) praising the Finns who are allies of Hitler and who have helped Hitler sink American ships, (3) knocking the English who are our allies. All this is supposed to constitute "freedom of the press." But it is the kind of "freedom" that preceded the downfall of the Spanish Republic and the collapse of France. The American people are going into debt for hundreds of billions of dollars and are giving the lives of a host of their sons to get this war over with. And right in the middle of its most crucial phase, these publishers are busily engaged in promoting suspicion and distrust. Technically, according to the Attorney-General, this is not treason, but these publishers are doing a thousand times more damage to the united war effort than all the Pelles, Winrods, Dillings, Nobles put together. They are sabotaging the war effort and, unless the American people are on their guard, they will sabotage the peace—leaving our children another legacy of blood and tears. Henry Wallace, in his recent speech denouncing American fascists, did not name names, but if he had he could well have headed the list with those of certain publishers in this country who seem devoid of any sense of social responsibility.

## IT'S AN IDEA!

If a very sly sort of politician wanted to create the impression that a candidate is a wizard of knowledge, perspicacity, wit and cerebral incisiveness, he probably would manage to put him on an "information" program, and give him an advance squint at the questions.

## OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS

If Great Britain, Russia and the United States control the oil of the world, and choose to withhold oil from would-be aggressor nations, that might be a cheap preventive.

Secretary Ickes has offered as a reason for building the Arabian pipeline: "It might be extremely valuable in future wars."

The first world war, remember, was "a war to end all war." But, apparently, this war is a war to prepare for another war!

## Farm Block Scored For Encouragement Of Farm Tenancy

Fort Worth, Texas  
Charging that the farm bloc is trying to increase share-cropping and farm tenancy and bring American agriculture completely under the control of large landowners, National Organization Supervisor Aubrey Williams of the National Farmers Union told a meeting of farmers here that the only hope for survival of the "little man" on the land is organization and "a frank and open alliance with organized labor."

"So-called farm bloc leaders in Washington have shelved the war and are engaged in a struggle to make over American agriculture on the pattern of American industry," Williams said. "This struggle poses the main issue with-in agriculture in 1944."

"Do we favor an American agriculture built around the family-type farm as the basic unit, or do we favor an American agriculture built around large landowners who operate chain farming, with tenancy, sharecropping and farm laborers?"

If the small farmer is to survive, he said, he must organize and join with labor to preserve subsidies, parity prices, crop loans, price control and agricultural aids.

YOUR DOLLAR  
By CONSUMERS UNION

## Work Shirts

"Almost everything that could be done was wrong," Consumers Union reports after testing 26 brands of work shirts. Though these shirts—the uniform of America's production army—have to take more strain than dress shirts, many are skimpy in length, across the chest and at the yoke and armholes.

Price control has not kept work shirts from going up 12 per cent in price since the summer of 1942, nor has OPA prevented the steady worsening of quality, which CU now estimates is 20 per cent lower than in 1942.

Look for a "sanitized" label or other written guarantee against shrinkage when you buy, CU advises. But in addition, try the shirt on and make sure it is not uncomfortably skimpy. Examine carefully for well made buttonholes, secure seams and bartacking at points of strain.

The 26 brands are rated in the current issue of Consumer Reports. Among the best, in order of quality, were: Super Pioneer Cat. No. 3045 (Montgomery Ward) \$1.15 plus postage, Homestead Cat. No. 3138C (Montgomery Ward) 85c plus postage, Lee \$1.55, Uncle Sam \$1.38, Osh Kosh B'Gosh \$1.39, Sturdy Oak Cat. No. 645 (Sears Roebuck) 89c plus postage, Par-Val (W. T. Grant Stores) \$1.

## Grade Labeling

The Saturday Evening Post, the Hearst papers and many big advertisers say that American industry and the American way of life would be threatened if products were grade labeled to show their true quality. CU observes in answering an attack on grade labeling which appeared in a recent issue of The Saturday Evening Post.

Big advertisers fall back on this kind of flag waving because they can't afford to discuss the real issues in the fight for grade labeling. Consumers Union says. Here are some of the facts which papers like the Satepost try to conceal:

1. Brand names are no guarantee of quality. Advertisers tell us that we can depend on brand name. But thousands of tests by CU have shown that brand names are wholly unreliable. In CU's unbiased tests of towels and of men's shirts, for example, the most advertised brand was the lowest average in quality. In CU's tests of men's shoes, advertised brands got both good and bad scores. In tests of canned goods carried on for CU by government graders, the Big Three, Del Monte, Libby and Heinz, got more B and C scores than they did A scores.

2. Grades are used in business transactions. Businessmen want to know what they're buying. The very same product which comes to you marked "Super-Delicious" may have been described as "Grade C" on the wholesalers' invoice.

3. Grade labeling would result in higher quality goods. Advertisers now have little incentive to improve the quality of their products. It's simpler to invent new advertising slogans. If the quality were shown on the can, the manufacturer would have a real incentive to improve it.

4. Grade labeling would not end brand labeling or advertising. In Canada, which has had grade labeling for years, both are still going strong.

5. Grade labeling is good American. Anything which promotes honesty, fair dealing and improved living standards is good American. Anything which promotes fair competition and restrains monopoly is good American. Grade labeling does these things.

## Itzy-Goo!

Permission to resume manufacturing baby rattles and teething rings from plastics was granted by WFB.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR

**BRAZILIAN LABOR LAWS DO NOT PERMIT THE ARBITRARY DISMISSAL OF ANY EMPLOYEE WITHOUT PAYMENT BASED ON SERVICE AND SALARY.**

**MAN PAYS MOST THROUGH STRIKES**

PROPORTION OF TOTAL

1940	6,700,000	1/2 of 1%
1941	23,000,000	3/100 of 1%
1942	4,182,000	1/100 of 1%
1943	7,500,000	1/100 of 1%

\* FIRST SIX MONTHS

**IN PORTLAND, ORE., SERVICEMEN HAD NO SHOWERS IN THE COLD CROSS COUNTRY AT THE UNION STATION UNTIL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 285, UNITED AMERICAN PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS CAME TO THE RESCUE. NOW THERE ARE TWELVE SHOWERS.**

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**BUY BONDS TO BEAT THE BEAST!**

SEAWARD 109

## Books

**CRAZY WEATHER**, by Charles L. McNichols, "Book of the Month" selection for March, published by The Macmillan Company, New York City, 195 p., \$2.00.

For a delightfully different novel, a tale of a white boy on an Indian adventure in Mojave country, you won't want to miss the current "Book of the Month" selection, Charles L. McNichols' "CRAZY WEATHER."

It's a well written story of South Boy, who runs away with an Indian lad, Havel, on a mission to the Piute country where an Indian "war" is raging. South Boy hears the Dream Singers, witnesses weird Indian ceremonies, saves the life of Havel and in turn is saved by Havel in an absorbing account of Indian customs in the Mojave reservation.

The story gets its name, "Crazy Weather," because all events occur during one of the Colorado River storms which brings dry heat from the desert to settle with dread weight on the reservation area and which causes the people to do unusual things.

It's told in a clear-cut style and much of the Indian custom description is described as it would be seen by a 14-year-old, as South Boy.

The book is for quick reading and deserves to be one of the best sellers.

Author McNichols was raised on Indian reservations and his father was special agent for the U. S. Dept. of the Interior. He is a graduate of Stanford University, was an actor and later a writer for motion pictures, and has written many magazine stories and articles, many dealing with Indian life and customs. "Crazy Weather" is his first novel. (W. B. P.)

**CARTRIDGE-CASE LAW**, by Nelson C. Nye, published by The Macmillan Company, 128 p., \$1.75.

For lovers of the Western story, Nelson C. Nye's newest, "CARTRIDGE-CASE LAW" offers all the mystery, quick shooting, intrigue, and drama of the best of the "hoss operas."

In "Cartridge-Case Law," Flash Marlatt, deputy marshal, is accused of murder of the marshal. He is forced to flee but returns to solve the crime and expose the real killer.

For the romance angle, there is the story of Pora James, daughter of the country's cow baron, who

has been forbidden to see Flash Marlatt. It all comes out right in the end.

Nelson C. Nye, the author, was a cowpuncher who turned to the literary and now edits the ranching magazine, "Hoots and Horns." In his books, last of which ("Gun-fighter Breed") was reviewed here, Author Nye bases his tales on historical episodes and his characters patterned after real persons and the dialogue and background are authentic. (W. B. P.)

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—W. B. PEDIGO.

## Detroit Credit Union Proves Big Success For AFL-CIO Unions

Detroit, Michigan  
The Detroit Newspaper Industrial Credit Union, with officers from three camps of labor, has paid \$40,155.38 to its members in dividends since 1936 and saved them thousands additional in low interest on loans. Treas. Roy C. Marshall reports.

The AFL is represented among the officers by members from pressmen, stereotypers and photo-engravers; the CIO by the newspaper guild and the unaffiliated group by the typists and mailers.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

## The Last Word

By MATTHEW ARNOLD

Creep into thy narrow bed,  
Creep, and let no more be said!  
Vain thy onset! All stands fast,  
Thou thyself must break at last.

Let the long contention cease!  
Geese are swans, and swans are geese,  
Let them have it how they will!  
Thou are tired; best be still.

They out-talk'd thee, hiss'd thee, tore thee?  
Better men-fared thus before thee;  
Fired their ringing shot and pass'd  
Hotly charged—and sank at last.

Charge once more, then, and be dumb!  
Let the victors, when they come,  
When the forts of folly fall,  
Find thy body by the wall!

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## POLAR ATTRACTION

REX: Say, did you hear about Fido?

RAGS: No, what about him?  
REX: Well, he's a member of the WAAGS, you know, and he's asked to be transferred to a new post.

## FAVORITE AVOCATION

The psychiatrist was interviewing a rosy-cheeked young draftsman: "What," he asked, "do you like to do best, Mortimer?"

"Shoot Japs," answered the youth.

"And what do you like to do next best?"

"Make slingshots to shoot Japs with."

The psychiatrist frowned, made notations on Mortimer's file sheet: "Well, what do you like to do next best?"

Mortimer hung his head, then mumbled: "Steal little girls' bloomers off them."

The psych removed his glasses, stared hard over his nose, cleared his throat and asked sweetly: "And then what do you like to do?"

"Take the elastic out of the bloomers to make more slingshots to shoot more Japs with."

## ADVANCE ORDER

After the wedding, the happy couple were photographed as they left the church, and proofs were promised in a few days.

The large envelope duly arrived, and was opened in great excitement.

Inside were several studies of a baby lying on a rug, and on the back they read: "Please—state clearly which size you want—and how many."

## WHY MURDERS HAPPEN

Virginia—George says ill-health always attacks one's necktie. Friend (sweetly)—You do have a lot of headaches, don't you, dearie?

## A FRIEND ANYWAY

"So your wife eloped with your best friend. Who was he?"  
"I don't know; never met the fellow."

## SOME RABBITS

A Mexican and an American who work on the night shift of a Kansas factory eat their midnight meal together. On several occasions the Mexican had a rabbit in his can, and he shared his supply with his comrade.

One night the American asked: "Where do you get rabbits, Jose? I can't find any."

"My wife, she get 'um," Jose replied. "She say every night they come 'round the house and make noise. She shoot 'um."

"Noise? Rabbits don't make a noise."

"Sure," Jose asserted, positively. "Go 'Meow, meow."

## THE PROOF

Sandy—MacIntosh must have had a lot to drink at the concert last night.

Mack—How's that?  
"Well, when I was taking him home he let me fall twice."

## A PRETTY GOOD TRICK

Mistress, to caller: "Yes, our Johnny is wonderfully smart in school."

Caller: "What is he studying?"  
Mistress: "Oh—let's see—he's studying French, and Spanish and Algebra—Johnny, come here! Say 'good morning' for the lady in Algebra."

**MORE HOLY THAN RIGHTeous**  
Customer: "Remember that cheese you sold me yesterday?"  
Grocer: "Yes, madam."

Customer: "Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

## EVER HAPPEN TO YOU?

"Conductor, will you please help me get off the train?"

"Certainly, what's the trouble?"

"Well, I'm fat and have to get off the train backward. The porter thinks I'm getting on and shoves me in again. I've been trying to get off for the last five steps."

## A USEFUL CLIPPING

"What are you clipping from the paper?"

"An article about a man divorcing his wife because she went through his pockets."

"And what are you going to do with the clipping?"  
"Put it in my pants pocket with my money."

## TROUBLESOME KINFOLKS

Attorney (asked about divorce proceedings): "Now, how long have your relations been unpleasant?"

Mrs. Potunia Jackson: "Mah relations? Why, dey is always been as nice as pie. It's his kinfolks whut's causin' so much trouble."

## NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!

The old family physician being away on a much-needed vacation, he entrusted his practice to his son—a recent medical student. When the old man returned, the youth told him that, among other things, he had cured Miss Ferguson, an aged and wealthy spinster, of her chronic indigestion.

"My boy," said the old doctor. "I'm proud of you, but Miss Ferguson's indigestion is what put you through college."

## PAID LIARS ON THE JOB!

## State Federation Charges Deception in Circulation Of Anti-Union Petitions

(CFLNL) San Francisco

Promising everything from victory to the returning boys from the fighting fronts, to jobs, security and a life of milk and honey to everyone else if they will only sign the petition, misnamed the "Right to Employment," the circulators of these petitions are plainly violating the law in misrepresenting the true intent of the proposed amendment, which is to create turmoil and bitterness.

To emphasize this great danger: a union man was on the verge of signing one of these petitions when he was told that it would establish job security for all. Only the timely intervention of a friend, who suggested he read it first, prevented this spiece of fraud from being consummated.

## CHECK ALL FALSE CLAIMS!

To overcome this Pied Piper "come on," the Federation strongly urges all of its members and friends to make it their business to check on the false claims being made in behalf of the petition by the circulators and to report each instance of falsification to the Federation. The law does not permit any circulator of petitions to solicit signatures on a false basis.

Such action will not be enough, however, to check this game of deceit. Every union must jab its membership into high gear by informing them concerning the full meaning and significance of this proposed amendment to the State Constitution so that they, in turn, can spread the clarification further. Unless this is done, there is a great danger that the forces of hate and bitterness will succeed in their campaign of disruption.

## MANY EMPLOYERS OPPOSE

Encouraging word comes from a number of employer groups and outstanding citizens throughout the state that they are absolutely opposed to this threat to our stake in the Pacific. Already, several influential metropolitan papers have editorialized against the proposed plan to create chaos.

Because the backers of these petitions are showing such a com-

plete disregard for the truth, to the point even that their hired circulators are permitted to perjure themselves without restraint, the Federation sees an outside chance for the success of this wholesale swindle unless it is combatted with greater zeal.

That is why Secretary Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor is appealing to the members of the organized labor movement and its hosts of friends to shake the dust off their heels and view this threat with the serious concern it deserves.

## Like Pigeons

If you should see a flock of pigeons in a field of corn, and if (instead of each picking where and what he liked, taking just as much as he wanted, and no more) you should see ninety-nine of them gathering all they got into a heap and reserving nothing for themselves but the chaff and the refuse—keeping this heap for one, and that the weakest, perhaps worst, pigeon of the flock—sitting around and looking on all the winter whilst this one was devouring, throwing about and wasting it—and, if a pigeon more hardy or hungry than the rest touched a grain of the hoard, all the others instantly flying upon it and tearing it to pieces—if you should see this, you would see nothing more than what is every day practiced and established among men.

—ARCHDEACON PALEY.

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He weighed them, smiled, and asked me: "Will that be all today?" I didn't have my ration books, but he said: "That's OK."

"Your bill be one dollar, and come again," he said. I paid, and left the butcher shop—and fell right out of bed!

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## United Election Drive Launched For Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland

United labor political action in Maryland was proposed in a joint plan made public by the Maryland CIO, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks (AFL), Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen (both unaffiliated).

Asserting that "organized labor must unite, working as a unit and operating out of a single office," they proposed statewide precinct and ward organization for political action in which "all of labor and the people generally would make politics the property of the people rather than the private domain of a few self-seekers."

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## More Business Firms Hit for Enemy Trading

Washington, D. C.

New "big names" of American industries accused of dealing with the Nazi's I. G. Farben industries were listed in a civil suit filed by U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle in the U. S. District Court for the Southern district of New York.

This time the finger of Uncle Sam is pointed at the manufacturers and marketers of alkalis. He charges the corporations with maintaining international cartel agreements to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Biddle's complaint alleges that 17 defendants and 4 co-conspirators—2 American corporations, 1 German and 1 Belgian—have conspired to allocate and maintain exclusive marketing areas and export quotas throughout the world . . . to eliminate competition and restrain exports in alkalis by means of illegal contracts, agreements and understandings still in effect.

**NAME POTASH-CHEMICAL**

The co-conspirators named in the federal complaint are the American Potash & Chemical Corp., New York, substantially all of whose capital stock beneficially owned by the German potash trust, was seized by the Alien Property Custodian in 1942; Solvay Process Co., New York; Solvay et Cie (Belgian Solvay), a Belgian corporation formerly domiciled in Brussels, but now in London, and I. G. Farbenindustrie Aktiengesellschaft, a German corporation with main offices in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany.

**OTHERS LISTED**

Named as defendants are: U. S. Alkali Export Assn., Inc. of New York; California Alkali Export Assn., Los Angeles; Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., (I.C.I.) of London; Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Inc., New York City; Church & Dwight Co., Inc., New York; Diamond Alkali Co., Inc., Pittsburgh; Dow Chemical Co., Inc., Midland, Mich.; Hooker Electrochemical Co., Inc., Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., New York; Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co., Philadelphia; Southern Alkali Corp., New York; Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp., New York; Wyandotte Chemicals Corp., Detroit; West End Chemical Co., Oakland, Calif.; and Pacific Alkali Co., Inc., Los Angeles.

**A PARABLE**

I see mankind as a herd of cattle inside a fence enclosure. Outside the fence are green pastures and plenty for the cattle to eat, while inside the fence there is not quite enough grass for the cattle.

Consequently, the cattle are trampling under foot what little grass there is and going each other to death in their struggle for existence.

I saw the owner of the herd come to them and when he saw their pitiable condition, he was filled with compassion for them and thought of all he could do to improve their condition.

So he called his friends together and asked them to assist him in cutting grass from outside the fence and throwing it over the fence to the cattle.

AND THAT THEY CALL CHARITY.

Then, because the calves were dying off and not growing up into serviceable cattle, he arranged that they should have each a pint of milk every morning for breakfast.

Because they were dying off in the cold night, he put up well drained and beautiful sheds for the cattle.

Because they were going each other in the struggle for existence, he put corks on the horns of the cattle, so that the wounds they gave each other might not be serious.

Then, he reserved a park in the enclosure for the old bulls and the old cows over 65 years of age.

In fact he did everything he could think of to improve the condition of the cattle, and when I asked him why he did not do the obvious thing, break down the fence and let the cattle out, he answered:

"If I let the cattle out I should no longer be able to milk them."—LEO TOLSTOY.

**SMACK!**

Why is a kiss like a rumor? Because it goes from mouth to mouth.

What shape is a kiss? Elliptical (a tip tickle).

What kisses are sweetest? Those which are sweet-tastefully obtained.

Well, do you know what a kiss is now? In case you are still in doubt, let us explain further:

What is a kiss? Alack! Of worst. A single drop to quench a thirst; Though oft it proves in happier hour.

The first sweet drop of one long shower.



"They're all tied up together, like as not," Mr. Dilworth declared, slamming the Evening Gazette down on the table.

"Who's tying you up in knots now, Pop?" asked Luther, not taking his eyes off his homework.

"Nobody, Luther. I mean Premier Stalin, Prime Minister Churchill and Pres. Roosevelt. They're all working together, if you ask me. Sort of taking in one another's washing."

"You wouldn't expect them to do their own laundry, would you, Pop?"

"No, no. I mean they're helping each other out."

"Out of what?"

"You don't understand. They're helping each other get what they want. Take this Badoglio thing, for example."

"Who wants Badoglio?"

"Nobody. I mean, I don't know. Just take him as an example."

"Is it compulsory?"

"Luther, the Soviet Union recognized Badoglio."

"Maybe they had seen his picture."

"Try to understand, Luther. The Russians are sending an ambassador to Italy."

"Well, it's better than Siberia."

"Try to think what that means."

"At least, they have an ambassador to spare."

"No, Luther my boy. It's far more subtle and dangerous than that. It means that they're helping to pull Mr. Roosevelt's chestnuts out of the fire."

"Does Roosevelt like chestnuts?"

"Roosevelt likes Roosevelt, and New Dealers and Communists and Socialists and all sorts of idealistic nonsense. That's what Roosevelt likes. He's ruining the country."

"I thought the Wagner act and the unions did that."

"No, Luther. You don't understand. We're becoming the dupes of England and Russia."

"A lot of people would like to be dupes."

"Dudes, Luther. Dudes. A dude is a fool."

"Oh, like Rep. Dies?"

"Luther, try to understand. There's some kind of a deal on between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin."

"A New Deal?"

"Much worse, probably. Stalin didn't recognize Badoglio for nothing. It looks as if they're preparing to scratch one another's back. After you're through with your homework, son, just ask yourself this question: Why is it necessary for Russia to intervene in Italy?"

"Well, there's an old saying: Necessity is the mother of intervention. Good night, Pop."

**War Needs for Coal to Demand Full Output**

Washington, D. C.

Miners will have to work at top speed all through the spring and summer to keep pace with vital war needs, a nation-wide survey made by WMC indicates.

Here's how California representatives voted in Congress recently on the compromise "state rights" soldier vote bill. It should be explained that practically all the soldiers who voted for this emasculated bill opposed the original Green-Lucas bill—so that makes the substitute measure pretty smelly.

**VOTING FOR THE BAD BILL:** Carter, Costello, Elliott, Engle, Gearhart, Hinchshaw, Leroy Johnson, Lea, Tolson and Rolph.

**VOTING AGAINST THE BAD BILL:** Anderson, Ford, Holtfield, Irace, Ward, Johnson, King, Outland, Rogers, Sheppard, Tolpan, Voorhis, Welch.

**NOT VOTING:** Phillips.

In the Senate Downey voted against the measure, while Hiram Johnson did not vote.

## Hollywood Lot

By TED TAYLOR

Whether or not this war winds up the political empires, the forces are being marshalled for the organization on global scale of the empire of the human mind.

Every new step in the control of the public opinion machines—press, radio and movies—may bear on the forming of this empire. Random news items that come to hand are suggestive. If you like mental jigsaw puzzles you can start piecing them together—and you can see a definite pattern forming.

Henry Luce and/or Time Inc., with their three magazines and a newswire as nucleus, seem to be preparing for expansion in the film-radio field. Consider these Luce/Time acquisitions:

Purchase of the Erip library of educational 16mm films (turned over to the Encyclopedia Britannica subsidiary of the University of Chicago).

Purchase of interest in Scopophony Television, the film-radio combination with a post-war future.

Purchase of 1/4 interest in the Blue radio network, divorced half of NBC. (Another 1/4 was taken by Chester LaRoche, former chairman of Young & Rubicam national advertising agency.)

**Cartoons Considered**

The University of Chicago, in its study of new techniques for the post-war world, called George Pal from Hollywood recently as a guest lecturer on the part cartoons can play in post-war education. Pal makes the puppet cartoons for Paramount.

Luce is also reported to have contributed \$500,000 to the work of the Institute of Pacific Relations, which is concerned with the present and future relations of America, Oceania, Asia.

Another contestant for a sphere of influence in the empire of the human mind is Readers Digest—which seems to be staking out more accurately its hemisphere of influence, Latin America.

Three years ago RD started an edition in Spanish, offered to Latin Americans at the cut rate of \$1 a year. (True it differed from the domestic publication in that it carried advertising—mainly of ship lines and banks with their own stake in Latin America. This subsidy made the cut rate possible.)

## French Pull a Fast One

It is things like this that keep the Nazis from sleeping at night.

Recently as the morning delivery truck of the collaborationist newspaper *Nouvellette* of Lyon, France, made its rounds it was followed by another truck operated by members of United Resistance Movements, underground organization known by its initials MUR.

As fast as deliveries were made and the first truck drove away, the second truck pulled up and a fresh batch of *Nouvellette* would be substituted.

The only difference was that all the news and editorials had an anti-Nazi, anti-Vichy slant instead of the usual collaborationist tripe.

Frantic searches by the police not only failed to turn up any suspects, but no copies of the paper can be found!

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**WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890**—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St., Phone 4893; Pres. Chas. Ramey; Rec. Sec., Ray Ulbrich; Sec. Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

## Doctor Threat Scoffed at By Labor Groups

Detroit, Michigan  
The threat of a sitdown strike by doctors if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security bill with its health insurance feature is passed was held up to scorn at a symposium on the measure sponsored by the United Auto Workers in the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

The room could hold only 1800 people and 1000 were turned away. Symposium speakers included Sec. Treas. George F. Addes of the union, Sen. James E. Murray of Montana, Director Henry E. Sigerist of the Johns Hopkins University Institute of the History of Medicine, and Past Pres. Gustave L. McClellan of the Wayne County (Detroit) Medical Society, Pres. R. J. Thomas of the union presided.

**DOCTOR SIT-DOWN?**  
Addes revealed the strike threat by the doctors in the form of an unsolicited letter to him from Dr. Norman C. Hamilton of a Detroit suburb, who had written:

"What are you going to use for physicians if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill becomes law? Also, do you know that the reputable men of medicine, not only in Wayne county but in all counties of the USA will cease practicing medicine and go into some other lines of endeavor?"

Other doctors and at least one county medical society have already publicly taken the same position. Addes declared as he replied to Dr. Hamilton and his kind:

**CAN'T SCARE LABOR**  
"Dr. Hamilton and others like him now threaten to use the weapon of medical monopoly against us if we are successful in extending the old-age insurance law, if we federalize our unemployment compensation system, if we provide benefits for disability arising out of illness or injury, if we adopt a health insurance program."

"Your threats will not deter us in the slightest from pursuing the course we have set for ourselves. Suffering and death are not unknown to us, nor to those who are fighting and dying in this war of liberation. Freedom from want and freedom from fear are within the reach of our generation, and too many have sacrificed too much for us to hesitate in the face of your threats to achieve the fruits of our struggle."

## Congress Gorges Itself, Denies Food to Kiddies

Washington, D. C.  
Congress, which has its own subsidized restaurants, put its foot down on helping to provide lunches for undernourished school children in rural areas.

On a 136 to 54 vote the house recently voted against appropriating \$50 million for federal participation in locally sponsored school lunch programs despite warnings from liberal congressmen that they were menacing the health of the nation's children.

During the two hours of heated debate preceding the vote, anti-administration forces dragged out their favorite argument that the people have grown wealthy from the war and no longer require any government aid.

Rep. Adolph Sabath (D. Ill.), dean of the house, described the Republicans' opposition to the lunch program as "amazing."

## America Thinks Uncle Sam Must Watch Things Even After War

Denver, Colorado  
Only 15 per cent of Americans believe that there should be less government supervision of public utilities after the war than there was before, a poll conducted by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver, disclosed.

More than 3/4 think there should be more supervision and 30 per cent were for keeping it as is, the center said. In addition, 19 per cent of those polled said they were undecided and 2 per cent said "It depends."

## Like Some Bosses!

An elderly attorney was giving advice to a young lawyer just about to handle his first case:

"If you are weak on facts, argue the law; if you are weak on the law, argue the facts—but if you are weak on both the law and the facts, then there is nothing left to do but to abuse the opposing attorney."

Maybe the employers who abuse the laboring man or the union officials heard the elderly attorney's sage advice!

## WORKER TO FIGHTING SOLDIER...



This cartoon shows how a worker is turned into a fighting soldier. Pre-induction informational meetings, sponsored by local Selective Service officials with the cooperation of Office of Civilian Defense, give men a preview of army life. (Federated Pictures)

## FEDERATION FIGHTS THREAT TO FUNDS FOR STATE JOBLESS

(CFLNL) San Francisco, Calif.

The Department of Employment has just reported that approximately 16,000 employers in California are obtaining reductions in their contribution rates to the Unemployment Insurance Fund this year. T. H. Muford, Chief of the Division of Accounts and Tax Collections of the California Department of Employment, has announced that the employers' contribution rate for the year 1944, which will represent this reduction, is being mailed to the employers.

The Department also reported that approximately 52,000 employers are contributing to the Fund at the present time; the 16,000 who will obtain the reduced rates represent roughly 31 percent of the total contributing employers. The Department has estimated that on the basis of 1943 payrolls and contributions, this reduction will amount to a \$22,000,000 loss to the Fund.

The California State Federation of Labor has constantly pointed out the danger of the merit rating system, which makes possible such reductions in the payments of the employers to the Fund, and has maintained that if this merit system is permitted to continue, the very existence of the Fund is jeopardized.

At the present time the reduced rate to the employers is obtained through maintenance of reserve accounts with the Department in comparison with total payrolls. The lowest reserve on which an employer may obtain a reduced rate is from 7 1/2 to 9 per cent of the average of his payroll. Reduced rates vary from 2.5 to 1 percent of the total payroll.

California remains one of the few states where the wage earners still contribute to the Fund. Contributions of the wage earners

## 'Cartel System' Main Cause of This War, and May Be Cause of Next One; Up to People to Control Monopolies

By "OBSERVER"

The so-called "cartel system"—in short, a combination of combines—is more responsible for this war than any individual or political party.

German industry, thoroughly integrated, still did not have the power, the wealth, the materials, the financial credit, necessary to wage a world war with any chance of success. Bankers and industrialists of England, France, Italy, Spain and, to a lesser degree, the United States, joined the German system for control of Europe. England, France and the United States poured money in billions into Germany, helping to build and consolidate her industrial and war machine.

When ready, the Germans proceeded to conquer and appropriate all the mines, factories, transportation—in fact, all factors of monopoly—that they failed to get by bargaining.

When Germany gives up, what is to become of the giant organization they have built? The captive nations are turning their raw materials into parts of manufactured articles. These parts go to German factories for assembly. This makes it impossible for a captive nation to remain or ever to compete with Germany in the sale of finished products.

The British and American advocates of government by big business want the present German industrial system taken over by an American-British organization.

Great world problem still remains: Will the people run government and control business, or will business run government and control the people?

## This Question of Private Property

Probably the greatest hatred of the Soviets has been engendered by their "socialization" of private property. Private property—that type of property used by the owner, such as homes, furniture, automobiles, tools used by the owners, any property not used in such a way as to profit by the labor of others—is permitted and even encouraged.

But we are in the United States entirely free from the "crime" of expropriating private property? Nearly every state has a graduated inheritance tax. This takes property, or its value, for public use. (Of course, if you are in hell you can't use it.) The graduated income tax this year will take from those with an annual income of a million dollars more than their income. If sickness, crop failures, unemployment, fires, accident or bankruptcy prevents the payment of taxes, the state takes over the property. Changes in laws destroy values in property. (The prohibition law caused terrific loss of property values.)

Sometimes we get a little better perspective of what the fellow is doing in the next garden if we take time out to see what is going on in our own.

## Bowles Proves Worth of OPA In Controlling Living Costs

Washington, D. C.

Asserting that OPA had held the line on the cost of living for the past eleven months, OPA head Chester Bowles has asked congress to extend the price control program as it now stands.

Bowles' appeal was the first major move by the administration in the pending congressional battle on price control and subsidies. The OPA chief was the first witness to appear before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee as it opened public hearings on legislation to continue for one year the life of OPA, which expires June 30.

**SUBMITS PROOF**  
Addressing a packed hearing room, Bowles documented his plea for continuation of OPA with a series of colored charts and posters contrasting price control in the two world wars and tracing the development of OPA. He used official government figures, based on data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Department of Commerce.

While conceding that mistakes in administration had been made, Bowles declared that "the job that has been done by the OPA will, I believe, be recognized as one of the best jobs done during the war."

## LIVING COST DATA

He offered these figures as OPA's record of achievement: "There is no blinking the fact that 3/5 of the rise in the cost of living since August 1939 occurred before the passage of the price control act; that since May 1942 when the first controls were placed on prices at retail the cost of living has risen only 7 per cent; that since last April, 11 months ago, the cost of living has shown no net change whatsoever and the level of wholesale prices is actually 1/2 per cent lower."

## GUILD PACTS WILL INCLUDE PAY RAISES, SEVERANCES

New York City  
Proposed working standards for editorial employees on labor papers have been worked out by the Labor Press Union of the Newspaper Guild of New York. Some of the provisions are:

Wage minimums: Editors, special writers, publicity men, \$75 weekly; reporters, rewrite people, staff photographers and artists, \$60; beginners to start at \$40 weekly and be advanced \$10 weekly a year until they reach \$60. Vacations: one week after six months' service; one month after a year's service. Severance pay, 1 1/2 weeks' pay for every six months' service or major fraction thereof upon termination of employment, regardless of reason.

## Unions Put Over Labor Man for Councilman Post

La Porte, Indiana

Unions here forced the election of a labor man—Arthur Ludwig of Local 119, United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers—to the city council following one of the strangest episodes in the city's political history.

When a vacancy occurred recently, the unions tried to persuade the council to elect a labor man. The council refused and selected someone else. On the night of the election, however, he failed to show up. Later he said he had been "kidnapped" by unionists to prevent his election.

La Porte unionists demanded a checkup by the Police department. The "kidnapped" candidate admitted his story was a hoax and he withdrew. Whereupon the council elected Ludwig.

## The Noose

The man who tried to get the better of William Dean Howells generally lived to regret it. When the famous author was consul at Venice, he was quite stout, but not at all ashamed of it.

One day a friend, an extremely tall and lanky individual, called on Howells and exclaimed derisively, "My friend, if I were as fat as you are, I would hang myself."

"Well," said Howells, "if I ever decide to take your advice I'll use you for the rope."

## Said Willie:

"We had to spell the words and give the meaning," and I guess I got everything right if a 'dogma' is one that has pups."

## PHILADELPHIA CARMEN PICK UNION GROUP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
In one of the largest NLRB elections of its kind, employees of the Philadelphia Transportation Co. chose the Transport Workers Union as their collective bargaining agent.

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